

BOTH BRANCHES GOING AFTER BIG MEASURES FIRST

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of Buckingham nominated Frank H. Watkins for sergeant-at-arms, and his election was also unanimous, as was that of Doorkeeper S. M. Donald, nominated by Senator Echols, or Staunton, Senator Sale, of Norfolk city, moved the election of the pages selected by the caucus Tuesday night, which was done.

Senator Ward, of Winchester, moved that a committee be appointed to inform the House that the Senate had convened, and Senators Ward, of Frederick; Elam, of Brunswick; Holt, of Newport News, and Wickham, of Henrico, were designated by the president to perform the duty.

Notify the House. After a fifteen minutes recess, Representative Baker, of Chesterfield, brought the message of the House, stating that that body had passed a joint resolution designating a committee to present the greeting of the Legislature to the Governor. On motion of Senator Strode, of Amherst, the joint resolution was adopted, and Senators Strode, of Amherst; Sims, of Louisa; Echols, of Staunton; Folkes, of Richmond; and Senator Sale, of Norfolk city, the rules were suspended and a committee to call on the Governor, Senator Strode, of Amherst, was appointed to inform the House that the Senate was in session and ready for business. The committee later reported the discharge of their duties.

Secretary Owen was announced, and brought the message of the Governor, which was received and read by Clerk Booker.

Senator Ketzell, of Rockingham, moved that the usual number of copies of the message be printed. Thanks for Mrs. Swanson. A joint resolution from the House was received thanking in appropriate fashion Mrs. Swanson for her interest and work in directing the artistic adornment of the interior of the two houses and the lobbies. The resolution directs that an engrossed copy of the resolution be presented to Mrs. Swanson. On motion of Senator Sale, of Norfolk city, the rules were suspended and the joint resolution was unanimously concurred in. Senator Folkes, of Richmond city, who had been a member of the committee with which Mrs. Swanson was connected, paid glowing tribute to the taste she had used in the decorations.

Reports were received from the clerk of the House of Delegates, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and from President Alderman concerning the appointment of Dr. James M. Page to the Educational Board.

A petition for a civil court for Norfolk was referred to the proper committee. Resolutions providing a doorkeeper for the Senate gallery at \$4 a day and for an assistant doorkeeper for the Senate lobby at the same pay were each adopted.

Senator Kitz, of Alleghany, moved that the inner corridor of the Senate be fitted up as a reception room for visitors, and the motion prevailed.

Steering Committee. Senator Sale, chairman of the caucus, announced the steering committee—Senators Halsey, of Lynchburg; King, of Alleghany; Early, of Greene; Sims, of Louisa, and Rison, of Pittsylvania. A motion was adopted providing for an additional assistant clerk for the Senate at a compensation similar to that received by other clerks.

Senator Folkes, of Richmond city, obtained leave of absence until the end of the week for Senator Parks, of Page, who is sick. The president announced the death of Senator W. C. White, of Fluvanna, and spoke in high terms of his work. Senator Gayle, of Buckingham, offered a resolution that the Senate adjourn in memory of Senator White, his predecessor, and the motion was carried, and at 2:45 the Senate adjourned.

STRODE PROPOSES TAX COMMISSION

Measures of far-reaching importance are contained in the bills sent to the clerk's desk yesterday by members of the Senate.

The bill offered by Senator Strode, of Amherst, proposing the creation of a State tax commission is ranked among the most important introduced so far. It provides for a commission to consist of twelve members. The President of the Senate, the Speaker, the chairman of the Finance Committee, of both branches, constitute the first four members, and they are to select the remaining eight, seeing to it that each section of the State is represented in the commission as finally made up. The compensation is the per diem of ordinary legislative committees. The duty of the commission is to collect facts concerning the taxable property of the Commonwealth and to report such legislation as it may see fit, basing its judgment on the facts presented to them. Senator Strode has given careful study to this proposed measure, and believes that it will correct the chief defects of the present tax system.

Senator Lassiter, of Petersburg, introduced a new pension bill, providing for the establishment of pensions by political parties having cast more than 25,000 votes at the general election.

The bill includes a provision prohibiting newspapers or any one connected with them from receiving anything from candidates any reward for matter printed in advocacy of their candidacy, making the punishment a fine of not less than \$500. All paid political matter in newspapers intended to serve the candidate must be marked in conspicuous type "Advertisement."

In addition to the bill introduced by Senators Sims and Lassiter to create a perpetual fund for the benefit of the State, aimed in building good public roads and providing for the manner of expenditure of such a fund, another bill was introduced by the same members authorizing the establishment of State nurseries, the working of nurseries in the manufacture of road-making materials. This bill also provides for the sale or exchange of the products and their transportation. It further authorizes the State Corporation Commission to permit certain freight rates to be made by common carriers in the interest of road-makers. These two bills embody the recommendations of the State Good Roads Association, added to those of the authors, who are deeply interested in this phase of State work.

Mr. Folkes sent up a bill assessing a license on upon each person engaged in corporation engaged in the business of raising or mining coal, iron ore or other minerals in the State of Virginia.

House Bills

The following were presented and referred under Rule 7:

To the Committee on General Laws.

By Mr. Cox: A bill in relation to certain sanitary work-shops, to be provided in factories, work-shops, mercantile establishments or offices, and for imposing penalties for failure to provide such arrangements.

By Mr. Cox: A bill to amend and re-enact section 11 of an act to put into effective operation the provisions of the Constitution relating to the creation, appointment and organization of the State Corporation Commission; its jurisdiction, powers, functions and duties; the qualifications of the members and officers thereof, their appointment and salaries, the location of its offices and places and times of its public sessions; its writs, processes and other matters.

By Mr. Byrd: A bill to amend and re-enact sections 2 and 14 of chapter 1, of the "act concerning corporations," which became a law May 21, 1909.

By Mr. Byrd: A bill to amend and re-enact section 1 of an act entitled "An act to regulate the practice of veterinary medicine and surgery in the State of Virginia," approved February 27, 1906.

By Mr. Byrd: A bill to amend and re-enact sections 114 and 116 of the Code, so as to provide foreign corporations to procure certificates of authority from the State Corporation Commission for the privilege of transacting business in this State, and to prescribe penalties against such corporations for failure to do so.

By Mr. Byrd: A bill to require the licensing and adequate inspection and supervision of persons and corporations conducting maternity hospitals and lying-in asylums, and of those engaged in placing destitute children in family homes.

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By Mr. Byrd: A bill to amend and re-enact sections 1104 and 1106 of the Code so as to require foreign corporations to procure certificates of authority from the State Corporation Commission for the privilege of transacting business in this State, and to prescribe penalties against such corporations for failure to do so.

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By Mr. Throckmorton: A bill to amend and re-enact section 202 of the Code.

By Mr. White: A bill to provide for verdict and judgment in actions of ejectment according to the facts, both as to the right of title and possession.

By Mr. White: A bill to prevent depreciations upon and misappropriations of property in the possession of common carriers for transportation of delivery, and to provide punishment therefor.

By Mr. White: A bill to amend and re-enact section 3383 of the Code in regard to bills of exception, and provide when they shall not be necessary.

By Mr. White: A bill to amend and re-enact section 2249 of the Code, and to provide that the wife shall be dowerable in the whole of lands which have been sold to satisfy a lien paramount to dower.

To the Committee on Asylums and Prisons.

By Mr. Throckmorton: A bill to establish an advisory paroling board, and to provide for an indeterminate sentence and for the disposition, management and release of criminals under such sentence, and for the expense attending same.

By Mr. Throckmorton: A bill to prohibit the formation of a combination or agreement by banks or bankers, doing business in this State, whereby it is attempted to fix the rate of interest to be paid on deposits, or to coerce other banks or bankers, either directly or indirectly, to adopt a given rate of interest, and to prescribe a penalty for the violation of this act.

To the Committee on Insurance and Banking.

By Messrs. Wingo, Stebbins and Nolting: A bill to establish a Bureau of Banking under the control of the State Corporation Commission, to provide for the appointment of a commissioner of banking, to regulate the business of banking in this State, and to provide penalties for the violation of the provisions herein contained.

By Mr. Stearnes: A bill to prohibit fire insurance companies from combining as to what rates of commission shall be paid by any other company to an agent.

By Mr. Parker: A bill limiting the period for keeping the records of accounts and checks by banks.